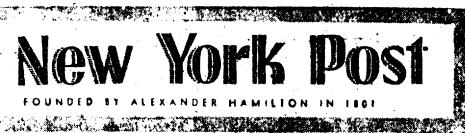
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As Someone Was Saying, U-2?

Somewhere in Foggy Bottom, safe from collectors of rare documents, is a valuable if not priceless record of the diplomatic sayings—and possibly of some apologetic remarks—made by Richard Milhous Nixon, the noted Republican traveler, during his journey into the land of Khrushchev.

This carefully-guarded official account of Nixon's vicissitudes in kitchen and Kremlin, of his finger-pointing victories and unfaltering eloquence, can hardly be in-



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eluded among the vital government secrets under double security locks because the Russians know precisely what's in it. It seems, rather, to have been hidden where Auministration papers of a like nature, i.e., the embarrassing kind, are usually found—under a rug.

Sen. Fulbright (D-Ark.) has just written his fourth letter to the State Dept, suggesting that historical accuracy could be well served if the document were made available to all the press. Earl Mazo, the one newspaperman who seems to have had access to it, wrote a rather eulogistic report of Nixon's adventures and there is some serious question as to whether his account was complete.

Mazo did not mention in his series that Nixon had apologized to Premier Khrushchev for an ill-timed government act highly offensive to the Russians. Fulbright

makes the point that since apologies of any kind to Russians are not in style these days, the public might be deeply interested in what Nixon said to K.

Fulbright has "heard," his letter said, that the Vice President had expressed his "regrets" over a Congressional resolution proclaiming Captive Nations Week virtually concurrently with Nixon's visit. It is well known that Mr. K does not recognize the existence of captive nations unless he discovers them himself under Western bondage and makes his own proclamations. He was reportedly very much put out. Thus, if the Vice President said he was sorry that we had called the matter to the world's attention at that particular moment, it might be a matter of no little significance. Sen. Kennedy might turn to him during their next debate and asky! "U-2?"

So far, all Fulbright has received from the State Dept. is regret.